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REMARKS

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on March 23, 2006 in the above-referenced application, Applicant respectfully requests amendment of the above-identified application in the manner identified above and that the patent be granted in view of the arguments presented. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Present Status of Application

Claims 1-17, 20-23, 25 and 26 are allowed. Claims 18, 19 and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

In this paper, claims 18, 19 and 24 are canceled without prejudice for the purpose of expediting allowance of the application. Thus, on entry of this amendment, allowed claims 1-17, 20-23, 25 and 26 remain in the application.

Conclusion

The Applicant believes that the application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests so.

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